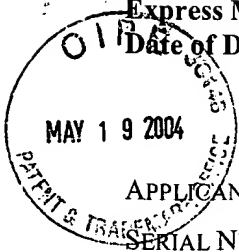


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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the January 27, 2004 final Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before May 27, 2004. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees necessary, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-501.

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